

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-17 (Cancelled).

Claim 18 (New): A compound which is at least 70% w/w enantiomerically enriched 5-(4-[2-(N-methyl-N-(2-pyridyl)amino)ethoxy]benzyl)-2,4-thiazolidinedione or a tautomeric form thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable solvate thereof.

Claim 19 (New): A compound of claim 18, which is a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

Claim 20 (New): A compound of claim 19, wherein the salt comprises a metal salt.

Claim 21 (New): A compound of claim 20, wherein the salt comprises an alkali metal salt.

Claim 22 (New): A compound of claim 21, wherein the salt comprises a sodium or potassium salt.

Claim 23 (New): A compound of claim 20, wherein the salt comprises an alkali earth metal salt.

Claim 24 (New): A compound of claim 23, wherein the salt comprises a calcium or magnesium salt.

Claim 25 (New): A compound of claim 19, wherein the salt comprises an ammonium or substituted ammonium salt.

Claim 26 (New): A compound of claim 18, which is a hydrate.

Claim 27 (New): A compound of claim 18, which is 80 to 100% w/w enantiomerically enriched 5-(4-[2-(N-methyl-N-(2-pyridyl)amino)ethoxy]benzyl)-2,4-thiazolidinedione.

Claim 28 (New): A compound of claim 18, which is 90 to 100% w/w enantiomerically enriched 5-(4-[2-(N-methyl-N-(2-pyridyl)amino)ethoxy]benzyl)-2,4-thiazolidinedione.

Claim 29 (New): A compound of claim 18, which is 90 to 95% w/w enantiomerically enriched 5-(4-[2-(N-methyl-N-(2-pyridyl)amino)ethoxy]benzyl)-2,4-thiazolidinedione.

Claim 30 (New): A compound which is optically pure 5-(4-[2-(N-methyl-N-(2-pyridyl)amino)ethoxy]benzyl)-2,4-thiazolidinedione or a tautomeric form thereof, or a salt thereof, or a solvate thereof.

Claim 31 (New): A compound which is at least 70% w/w enantiomerically enriched (R)-5-(4-[2-(N-methyl-N-(2-pyridyl)amino)ethoxy]benzyl)-2,4-thiazolidinedione or a tautomeric form thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable solvate thereof.

Claim 32 (New): A compound of claim 31, which is a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

Claim 33 (New): A compound of claim 32, wherein the salt comprises a sodium or potassium salt.

Claim 34 (New): A compound of claim 32, wherein the salt comprises a calcium or magnesium salt.

Claim 35 (New): A compound of claim 32, wherein the salt comprises an ammonium or substituted ammonium salt.

Claim 36 (New): A compound of claim 31, which is a hydrate.